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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT PEREZ ON PRESIDENT FORD'S  
STATEMENT CONCERNING CUBAN INTERVENTION

SUMMARY. THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA FINDS "REPREHENSIBLE AND  
BLAMEWORTHY" PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT WARNING TO CASTRO AGAINST  
INTERVENTION IN THE HEMISPHERE. IN PEREZ'S VIEW, IF ANY  
ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST AGRESSION, THE OAS OR THE  
UN SHOULD BE USED TO RESOLVE SUCH CONFLICTS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN MARACAIBO ON MARCH 5, A  
JOURNALIST ASKED VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ  
THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF PRESIDENT  
FORD'S THREATS REGARDING CUBA'S PARTICIPATION IN ACTS OF TERRORISM  
IN LATIN AMERICA?"

2. PEREZ REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

"AS VENEZUELAN CHIEF OF STATE, I CANNOT MAKE CRITICAL  
COMMENTS AGAINST OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE, BUT VENEZUELA'S POLICY  
REJECTING ANY INTERVENTION OF STATE INTO THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER  
STATES IS WELL KNOWN. IF IT IS REPREHENSIBLE AND BLAMEWORTHY  
FOR A STATE TO INTERVENE IN ANOTHER STATE, IT IS ALSO  
REPREHENSIBLE AND BLAMEWORTHYFOR ANOTHER STATE TO THREATEN  
THE INVERVENING STATE.

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"THEREFORE, IF ANY ACTION MUST BE TAKEN, THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS ARE THERE FOR THAT PURPOSE. VENEZUELA CANNOT ACCEPT ANY STATE BECOMING A JUDGE OR ARBITER IN AFFAIRS INVOLVING OTHER STATES, IF IT ACCEPTS OR SHARES RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN SUPRANATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED PRECISELY TO SOLVE SUCH CONFLICTS OR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO OR MORE STATES."

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